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Dr. Roger Jackson
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Dear Roger:

I reviewed the drawings of the instrumentation closure mechanisms that we worked on in 1992 when I was in the Fellowship. I remember them very well. I have specific recollections and dated information of when we were working on that in early September 1992 and extending through the fall of 1992. Having worked on this on a daily basis, and discussed this over an extended period of time, my memory and recall of this is quite extensive.

With warm regards,

JWH
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